

REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiners Negron and O'Shea for the courtesy extended during the personal interview conducted on March 21, 2006. The substance of the interview is set out in the remarks which follow. Claims 17-27 remain in this application.

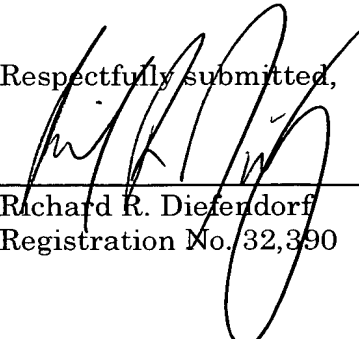
Claim 17, the only independent claim in this application, is further amended above in the manner discussed during the interview. As noted, the Lenderink patent disclosure does not suggest a wood-based decorative article as presently defined by claim 17 including (1) a light permeable veneer, (2) a transparent synthetic resin substrate, joined to a rear surface of the veneer, having rigidity, and having a larger thickness than that of the veneer, (3) a reinforcing member for reinforcing the veneer interposed between the veneer and the substrate, and (4) an adhesive by which the reinforcing member is bonded to the veneer. Neither of the secondary documents discussed in sections 10-20 on pages 8-11 of the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, suggests modifying the flexible sheet forming the subject matter of the Lenderink patent so as to meet each of the limitations mentioned, moreover, and, as tentatively agreed during the interview, currently amended claim 17 should be patentable. The rest of the claims in this application are dependent claims and are considered patentable as well.

If there are any questions regarding this supplemental amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056272.50004US).

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Respectfully submitted,



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